

DAVID'S BOE MEETING BRIEF

Breaking down Board of Education meetings

SCHOOL SAFETY

Last week's incident underscored the importance of our layered security approach and the need for continued investment. To that end, the Board will hold a work session on September 30 to discuss expanding our weapons detection system.

While this expansion is a critical next step, technology alone isn't the answer. True safety comes from a comprehensive approach—one that includes our School Resource Officers, security teams, these systems, other protective measures, and the vigilance of our entire community.

I want to thank our county government, our dedicated staff, and our families for their partnership in this effort. School safety is not just a Board initiative—it is a shared responsibility. Every student deserves to feel safe, supported, and ready to learn, and together, we will make that a reality. I look forward to sharing updates after the work session and continuing this important work together.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & BUDGET

At this meeting, the Board approved the FY 2027 Capital Improvement Plan & Budget, which was reviewed at the August work session. The top items include:

- Fruitland Primary Replacement
- Fruitland Intermediate HVAC
- Wi-Middle Replacement Planning
- Wi-Middle Replacement Site Acquisition
- All Schools – Security Cameras
- Westside Intermediate HVAC
- Salisbury Middle HVAC
- Wi-Hi Plumbing
- Parkside CTE Greenhouse

The full document is available at tinyurl.com/WCPSPPlanningConstruction

SCIENCE RESOURCES

At the June 24 work session, the Board received an update on two science resources, which were previously piloted. In August, the Board granted approval to both Kognity Environmental Science and Inquisitive Science. This approval ensures teachers and students have up to date resources to learn from that meet today's standards.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Personnel Matters: At each meeting the Board approves appointment of staff, leaves of absence for medical or to further the staff member's education, promotions, and separations. Since these are personnel related, discussion occurs in a closed session.
- Awarding a contract with Benelogic Health and Wellness for benefits administration service.
- Purchase of one 72 seat diesel powered school bus from K. NEAL Intl Trucks, Inc.
- Purchase of two 72 seat diesel powered school buses from IG Burton.
- Awarding a contract to Sunrise Solar for ground based solar at East Salisbury Elementary School using a State of Maryland Solar on Schools grant funds.
- Setting tuition rates for Non-Resident Students and Parkside CTE.
- Approving the FY 2027 Budget Calendar.
- Awarding a contract to The Repair Depot for computer repair.
- Awarding a contract to Teddy Bear Fresh, LLC and Keany Produce and Gourmet for locally sourced fresh produce.
- Awarding a contract to NRG Business, LLC for natural gas.

Consent Items are non-controversial items voted on at once to streamline meetings. Board members either previously discussed the items or they had the opportunity to in advance.